

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, March 8, 1996/ Phalgun 18, 1917(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House with deep sorrow of the passing away of one of our former colleagues, namely Shri Robin Kakoti.

Shri Robin Kakoti was a member of Fifth Lok Sabha representing Dibrugarh Parliamentary constituency of Assam during 1971-77.

He was a member of Rajya Sabha twice during 1962-68 and 1978-84.

Earlier, he had been a member of Assam Legislative Assembly during 1952-57.

A veteran freedom fighter and a Gandhian, Shri Kakoti was an active political worker. He left his studies in 1930 and joined Civil Disobedience Movement and was imprisoned several times for participation in India's Freedom Struggle.

A popular and a seasoned labour leader, Shri Kakoti took keen interest in Co-operative Movement. He was instrumental in establishing Co-operative Farming and Weaving society in Sibsagar and Dibrugarh districts of Assam. He also served as Organiser and President of Assam State Co-operative Union from 1953 to 1971. He was the President of the All Assam Freedom Fighters' Association.

A widely travelled person, he authored a few books namely Vivardhan, Dishhara and some other books on co-operatives and labour movement. He was Editor of Dharmayug bi-weekly during 1958-65 and Sahajatri weekly during 1968-71.

Shri Robin Kakoti passed away on 3rd March, 1996 at Guwahati at the age of 84 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.02 hrs.

The Member then stood in silence for a short while

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given a notice under Rule 388 to suspend the Question Hour. You are aware that the Supreme Court has given its verdict....(Interruptions)\*.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : It is not going on record.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Is the hon. Prime Minister coming to the House or not?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : Sir, as I had said earlier, the Prime Minister is coming at 12 o'clock and he will speak here.

[Translation]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack) : I could not understand what you have said.

[English]

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : The Prime Minister is coming at 12 o'clock and he will speak here.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Will he clarify our points?

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Yes.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, no business could be transacted in the House during these days due to which the plight of sugarcane farmers of Uttar Pradesh.....(Interruptions)\*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : This is not going on record.

\* Not Recorded.